



Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

HAPPENINGS

CPFUMC

600 W. Park St.

Cedar Park Tx 78613

SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2025

CPFUMC

IN PERSON WORSHIP 8:30 A.M. AND 10:45 A.M. IN PERSON AND

YOUTUBE CHANNEL / FACEBOOK PAGE



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Seekers and Thinkers are meeting in person at 9:45 am in MMB studying *Jesus and His Jewish Influences*.

Followers of the Word are meeting in person at 9:45 am in MMB studying Joshua

Children Sunday School meets each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the MMB. Contact Amanda Theriot at

Amanda.theriot@icloud.com

Youth Sunday School meets each Sunday at 9:45 am in Youth Room

CPFUMC 2025 PUMPKIN PATCH VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

PLEASE SCROLL DOWN↓

[Working the Pumpkin Patch in 2025 - THANK YOU ALL!!!](#)

Please add your name, phone number and email address

Date/Time	Name	Phone Number	E-mail Address
Sunday, Sep. 28 Noon - 2:30	Be Light Youth		
Sunday, Sep. 28 2:30 -5:00 pm	Marianne and Marvin Borja	737 267 7838	
Sunday, Sep. 28 5:00 - 7:00 pm	Helen Trahan	(512) 801-8991	helentrahan3@gmail.com
Monday, Sep. 29 2:30 - 5:00 pm	Janet Sewell	210 606 3613	janetwaylantsewell@gmail.com
Monday, Sep. 29 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Tuesday, Sep. 30 2:30 - 5:00 pm	Darren Foyt	512 695 4946	dfoyt@hotmail.com
Tuesday, Sep. 30 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Wednesday, Oct. 1 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Wednesday, Oct. 1 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Thursday, Oct. 2 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Thursday, Oct. 2 5:00 - 7:00 pm	Gavin Peacock	512-587-8731	Sheila.peacock@gmail.com

Date/Time	Name	Phone Number	E-mail Address
Friday, Oct. 3 2:30 - 5:00 pm	Vickie Thompson		
Friday, Oct. 3 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Saturday, Oct. 4 Noon-2:30pm			
Saturday, Oct. 4 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Saturday, Oct. 4 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Sunday, Oct. 5 Noon - 2:30	BE LIGHT YOUTH		
Sunday, Oct. 5 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Sunday, Oct.5 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Monday, Oct. 6 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Monday, Oct. 6 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Tuesday, Oct. 7 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Tuesday, Oct. 7 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Wednesday, Oct. 8 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Wednesday, Oct. 8 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Thursday, Oct. 9 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Thursday, Oct. 9 5:00 - 7:00 pm	Gavin Peacock	512-587-8731	sheila.peacock@leanderisd.org
Friday, Oct . 10 2:30 - 5:00 pm			

Date/Time	Name	Phone Number	E-mail Address
Friday, Oct. 10 5:00 - 7:00 pm	Jane Howard Neil Howard	512-496-5950	quilterjaz@gmail.com
Saturday, Oct. 11 Noon-2:30			
Saturday, Oct. 11 2:30-5:00 pm			
Saturday, Oct 11 5:00-7:00 pm			
Sunday, Oct. 12 Noon - 2:30	BE LIGHT YOUTH		
Sunday, Oct. 12 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Sunday, Oct. 12 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Mon, Oct. 13 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Mon, Oct. 13 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Tuesday; Oct. 14 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Tuesday, Oct. 14 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Wednesday, Oct. 15 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Wednesday, Oct. 15 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Thursday, Oct. 16 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Thursday, Oct. 16 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Friday, Oct. 17 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Friday, Oct. 17 5:00 - 7:00 pm	Jane Howard Neil Howard	512-496-5950	quilterjaz@gmail.com

Date/Time	Name	Phone Number	E-mail Address
Saturday, Oct. 18 Noon - 2:30			
Saturday, Oct. 18 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Saturday, Oct. 18 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Sunday, Oct. 19 Noon - 2:30	BE LIGHT YOUTH		
Sunday, Oct. 19 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Sunday, Oct. 19 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Mon, Oct. 20 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Mon, Oct. 20 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Tuesday, Oct. 21 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Tuesday, Oct. 21 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Wednesday, Oct. 22 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Wednesday, Oct. 22 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Thursday, Oct. 23 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Thursday, Oct. 23 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Friday, Oct. 24 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Friday, Oct. 24 5:00 - 7:00 pm	Jane Howard Neil Howard	512-496-5950	quilterjaz@gmail.com
Saturday, Oct. 25 Noon - 2:30			
Saturday, Oct. 25 2:30 - 5:00 pm			

Date/Time	Name	Phone Number	E-mail Address
Saturday, Oct. 25 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Sunday, Oct. 26 Noon - 2:30	BE LIGHT YOUTH		
Sunday, Oct. 26 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Sunday, Oct. 26 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Mon, Oct. 27 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Mon, Oct. 27 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Tuesday, Oct. 28 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Tuesday, Oct. 28 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Wednesday, Oct. 29 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Wednesday, Oct. 29 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Thursday, Oct. 30 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Thursday, Oct. 30 5:00 - 7:00 pm			
Friday, Oct. 31 2:30 - 5:00 pm			
Friday, Oct. 31 5:00 - 7:00 pm	Jane Howard Neil Howard	512-496-5950	quilterjaz@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday Sept 29th	2:30-7:00 pm Pumpkin Patch 7:30 pm Contemplative Prayer in Sanctuary
Tuesday Sept 30th	9:30 am Service of Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary 2:30-7:00 pm Pumpkin Patch 10:00 am Bible Discussion group meets in the Sanctuary and via zoom Prayer Shawl meets on the 1 st Tuesday at 11:00 am and 3 rd Tuesday at 5:30 pm
Wednesday Oct 1st	8:30 am Red Shirts meets on Zoom contact Dave Sidney 2:30-7:00 pm Pumpkin Patch 4:30 pm FREE Line Dancing Class in Sanctuary
Thursday Oct 2nd	10:00 am Women meet for Sanctuary Prep 2:30- 7:00 pm Pumpkin Patch
Friday Oct 3rd	8:45 am Red Shirts meet at Randalls 2:30- 7:00 pm Pumpkin Patch
Saturday Oct 4th	12:30- 7:00 pm Pumpkin Patch
Sunday Oct 5 th	World Communion/UMCOR Sunday 8:30 am WORSHIP with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary 9:45 am Sunday school for adults: Seekers and Thinkers are studying <i>Jesus and His Jewish Influences</i> Followers of the Word are studying Joshua 9:45 am Sunday school for Children in MMB 9:45 am Youth in the Youth Room 10:45 am WORSHIP Service with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary 2:30- 7:00 pm Pumpkin Patch

LOOKING FORWARD!!

October 25th Fall Fest 9:30-11:30 am

November 9th *Be The Church*

December 6th *United Methodist Women's Advent Brunch*

Email: office@cpfumc.org to have an event added to the calendar.

OCTOBER 5 TH IS WORLD COMMUNION/UMCOR SUNDAY

On October 5th , the first Sunday in October, CPFUMC and other United Methodist congregations will join many Christian churches across the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday began as World-Wide Communion Sunday at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania in 1933. The Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr and his congregation sought to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination.

On October 5 th , followers of Jesus Christ in large churches and small, on farms and in cities, in ornate buildings and under tents, will gather to receive the bread and cup of Holy Communion. Some will receive cubes of bread. Some will tear from a common loaf. Some will receive a wafer. Some will drink from a common chalice. Some will dip a piece of bread into the cup. Some will have individual glasses. Some will use wine; some juice. Some will offer both. Pastors will lead a variety of liturgies, in many languages. Clergy will dress traditionally, formally, and casually. Despite the differences in our denominations and traditions, we will all be celebrating our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

World Communion Sunday continues to be a special giving Sunday. This year we will be collecting money for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through UMCOR's efforts around the world, we are making a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upended by storms, wars, displacement, and hunger. Please give generously to this special offering on October 5 th .

Save the Date
BE THE CHURCH
Sunday Nov 9

MULTI CHURCH EVENT

Coming together to ***be the church*** in the world in tangible ways on Sunday morning

During worship time:

some will worship and pray for our mission teams

Some will do indoor sitting tasks

some will be outside at different sites lifting hammers or hauling mulch or washing window or fixing ramps.

We are still determining what tasks, and where will be done. There will be a sign-up sheet soon once those details are determined.

In the meantime, save the date, please!



Choir Schedule

October 5th – OFF

October 12th - practice after second service

October 19th - OFF

October 26th - Sing and practice after second service

November 2nd - OFF

November 9th - Sing and practice after second service

November 16th - sing and practice after second service

November 23rd - OFF

November 30th – Sing and practice after second service

Church Finance Report

In August, the Church had an operating loss of -\$5,160.53. Contributions remained under budget in August. Pledged contributions were up slightly from July, but were -8% below the YTD average in 2025. There is seasonality during summer months as people are often travelling. Operating expenses declined in August and were consistent with the average month in 2025. There were no items that stood out. The Church has a net loss of -\$19,423.08 YTD in 2025. The loss is attributable to income. Pumpkin Patch revenue has not yet occurred, but contributions will be needed to fill the gap. The Church continues to have adequate reserves to meet its financial obligations.

YTD Financial status through August 31, 2025

Total Income: \$ 179,837.34

Total Expenses: \$ 199,260.42

Net Loss: -\$ 19,423.08



PRAYER REQUEST

**Jozi would love cards and letters from her church family.
Jozi Heermans1014 Boswell Avenue Crete, NE 68333**

Pastor Suzette Thorpe Johnson. Prayers of healing for Horace who fell and is recovering.
Prayers of comfort for Nell.
Prayers of celebration for the 21 youth who came and helped with unloading 1280 pumpkins.
Prayers to everyone with anything heavy on your heart.
Give it to God. HE Will Help and Heal You.

Darren Foyt. Prayers of healing for my daughter coming home from college with an ear infection.

Marsha Suber. Prayers of safe travels for my son and grandson going to Colorado.

Vickie Thompson. Prayers for my neighbor Rod having a difficult time with Chemo and for healing.

Margaret McClintock. Prayers of Thankfulness for all the youth working hard to teach the message to us this Sunday.

Lonna Beck. Prayers of Thankfulness to all Methodist and for the wonderful message today by the youth.

Don Stratmann. Prayers of Thankfulness to Helen Trahan for handling the Pumpkin Patch and doing a great job and for all to sign up on the worksheet to help sell the pumpkins.

Karen Bowker. Prayers of safe travels for our son and family traveling home from Las Vegas.
Prayers of celebration to Bob on his birthday yesterday.
Prayers of safe travels for neighbors Wendy and Jeff going on a cruise.



COACH HEERMANS TO OFFER FREE LINE DANCING CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER

Leander High School Coach GiGi Heermans will be leading a FREE four-week line dancing class in the Sanctuary, beginning Wednesday September 10th at 4:30pm. Line dancing is a social, choreographed dance performed by people in rows to a repeating sequence of steps, without physical contact. It is a fun, partner-free activity that promotes physical and mental well-being and can be learned by anyone!

Coach Heermans will be bringing back some “old school” dances and also introducing some new ones. This is a great and easy way for adults to get some healthy exercise for both the body and the brain! Sign up in the Lobby to take part.



As our Conference continues to assess the impact of the flooding along the Guadalupe River and surrounding communities, one of the most effective ways you can help right now is through financial gifts.

Our Bishop, Cynthia Harvey, and our Conference Disaster Response Team is encouraging churches to make contributions to a special Disaster Response Fund. CPFUMC will be accepting donations over the next few Sundays to provide relief for those affected by the severe floods and devastation. Please note “Flood Relief” on your gift.

Your generosity will support immediate needs in the affected areas. Our Conference is also working with UMCOR on securing an initial grant to aid their response. Please continue to pray, and stay tuned for updates on specific needs as assessments continue.



United
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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Mission: We seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

Vision: We are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children and youth, we act for justice and transform communities.



United Women in Faith
Advent Brunch



**JOIN US FOR BRUNCH, MUSIC
AND FELLOWSHIP**

**Saturday, December 6, 2025
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Cedar Park First UMC
600 W. Park St.
Cedar Park, TX 78613**

FEATURED MISSIONS:
Hope Alliance
AGE of Central Texas



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DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
October 4th 8:30 am Registration
Meeting 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
First UMC Family Life Center
1300 Lavaca Street
Austin, TX 78701



*Two are better than one...If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*

Learn what's new in UWFaith and how to help your membership grow. Connect and exchange ideas with your United Women in Faith Sisters. Strengthen your relationships with the spiritual and personal growth workshops. Bring a friend!

Please bring socks and underwear for children ages 3-11.
Register to marilyn.cannon18@gmail.com with your name, email, your church
and if you want lunch for \$15. Pay at the door.

HCCM



Hill Country Community Ministries
(HCCM)

Basket is in the Narthex under the Table

Our donations to HCCM for the 3rd week of September
Food / Health Care
Week. 109 pounds
YTD. 1,901 pounds

THIS IS THE LARGEST POUNDAGE OF FOOD FOR A SINGLE WEEK IN QUITE SOME TIME

We also had numerous items for the Thrift Store

HCCM NEEDS
Peanut Butter and Jelly
Tomato Sauce
Canned Corn
Canned Green Beans

CPFUMC COLLECTION FOR HILL COUNTRY COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

A Collection Bin is in the lobby for these items for people in need in our community;

Canned items: stew, tuna, chicken, chili, soup, Spaghettios, tomatoes, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, corn, peas, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, pineapple, apple sauce, peaches, peanut butter, jelly, orange juice, and apple juice

Dry items: dried beans (1 or 2 lb pkgs), spaghetti/pasta (1 or 2 lb pkgs), cold cereal, hot cereal

Personal care items: bar soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet tissue, toothpaste



HELP US FEED UT STUDENTS AT THE TEXAS WESLEY

The Texas Wesley Foundation is the United Methodist student ministry on the University of Texas campus in Austin, Texas. Every Thursday evening about 40 students gather at the Texas Wesley for a meal and worship service.

On Thursday, October 9 we'll be providing the meal for these students. Sign up now in the Lobby to provide either a soup, a salad, or cookies for this meal. We'll collect your food contribution at the church, either on Wednesday evening, October 8 or Thursday morning, October 9. Be contemplating what you would like to share with these students. For more information on the Texas Wesley see www.texaswesley.com.

Please join the BE LIGHT YOUTH exploring and connecting with our neighbors while tasting yummy food. Saturday October 11th from 11:00-6:00 pm. We will be at the Turkish Food Festival around 12:30 onward. Please contact Pastor Suzette (suzette@cpfumc.org) with questions or if you care to join us for a delightful day of food and community.



BE LIGHT YOUTH

September

MONDAY 9/29- Karen's Festival of Flags performance

BE LIGHT YOUTH serve in the pumpkin patch after worship for two hours throughout the pumpkin patch season

October

Sun 10/5 Prep for Fall Festival/Pumpkin patch duty

MONDAY 10/6- Kinsley's choir concert performance

SAT 10/11 FALL FESTIVAL (waiting confirmation but for now) set up at 8:30; festival 9:30-11:30; clean-up til noon; pick your kid friendly costume now.

Sun 10/12 pumpkin patch duty

October 16-20 long weekend for Leander ISD- no school/teacher work day

Sun 10/19 pumpkin patch (need TWO safe gathering adults as I am not here that weekend)

Sun 10/26 pumpkin patch duty (need TWO safe gathering adults as I am at a conference for church – contemplative spirituality)

November

Sat 11/1 clean up the patch; 10-noon

November 1-4 long weekend for students/teacher work days

Sun 11/2 Bake cookies with Sue S for Christmas Craft Fair

And the Pumpkin Smash -district-wide event more details provided later

SAT 11/8 Christmas Craft Fair 9-2

Sun 11/9 BE THE CHURCH mission project during worship 9:30-noonish

Sun 11/16 Santa Shop for Mom and Pop craft making/prep

Sun 11/23 no youth – Thanks for Giving potluck

Thanksgiving break 11/22-11/30 no school

Sun 11/30 Advent begins; Christmas play practice begins (contact Amanda if you want to participate) and Fifth Sunday – Potato Jar and On the Road Communion

December

Sun 12/7 – Hanging of the Greens

Santa Shop for Mom and Pop this week?

Sun 12/14 Christmas party

The rest is to be determined – delivering poinsettias to nursing homes; winter mission/play day, a fun day in San Antonio?

We are always in need of Safe Gathering persons to round out our events (so that Amanda is not the second and gets a break). Please contact me if you would be willing to serve this crucial role on any Sunday school lesson or any of these activities. Pastor Suzette

Looking Ahead:

Fall Festival

is nearly here – once those pumpkins arrive, the little princesses and cowboys are not far behind.

Saturday, Oct 25th

Set-up starts at 8:30; little Pokemans and Pumpkins are there from 9:30-11:30; clean up

We need people to set up fun decorations with the back of their car for Trunk or Treat as well. Be figuring out how you will add to the festive times.

BE LIGHT YOUTH need your Halloween treats – individual and pint-sized snacks/juice boxes and candy as well as small prizes- stickers, spider rings, snakes and slime, etc

Pumpkin Promenade returns this year – always a hit with the families- so we will be needed your individually wrapped yummiest Fall cookies and cupcakes.

Drop off donations in the box as you enter the church.

Thank you for celebrating the joy of childhood.



Microsoft Sends 60-Day Warning to Windows 10 Users

Microsoft will end support for Windows 10 on October 14, 2025. After this date, Windows 10 will continue to function, but it will no longer

receive security updates, feature updates, or technical support from Microsoft. This means devices running Windows 10 will become increasingly vulnerable to security threats and malware.

To stay protected, users are advised to upgrade to Windows 11, which can be done for free if the PC meets the Windows 11 system requirements, or to enroll in the Windows 10 Consumer Extended Security Updates (ESU) program, which provides critical security updates for one additional year at a cost.

A recent announcement indicates that users who log into their Windows 10 device with a Microsoft account and sync their settings may automatically receive one year of free extended support, extending protection until October 2026.

LYDIA PATTERSON INSTITUTE



VISA POLICY CHANGE AFFECTING STUDENT ACCESS AT LYDIA PATTERSON INSTITUTE

Due to the recent changes in U.S. visa policy, some of the students attending the United Methodist-affiliated high school Lydia Patterson Institute (LPI) in El Paso, Texas—especially those living in Ciudad Juárez—are being affected. New rules require all F-1 student visa applicants, both new and returning, to undergo enhanced screening. This includes public access to social media, documentation of online activity, and broad reviews of “hostile attitudes”—a term that remains undefined and open to wide interpretation.

These requirements are slowing the process and placing LPI’s students from underserved communities at a disadvantage. Priority is being given to students at large universities, not schools like LPI, where 40% of the students are international and many face financial, political, and logistical barriers.

In response, LPI is preparing to offer hybrid learning this fall—with some students attending in person, and others learning remotely from across the border. Whether they are in El Paso or Juárez, the school’s commitment is the same: the students will continue learning, and LPI will continue teaching, supporting, and offering scholarships.

But the school needs your help to make this possible. Here are the urgent needs:

- Student Devices
- Internet Access Support
- Digital Curriculum & Learning Platform
- Teacher Technology
- IT Infrastructure
- Setup & Training
- If you are able to help, please make a donation to CPFUMC and mark the payment for Lydia Patterson or LPI.

Surplus Equipment for Sale – 28Aug25

The church has a number of surplus equipment items for sale. Click on the link under the pictures for more detailed information. Church friends and members get a discount off the listed price.



[Microsoft Wireless Desktop 3000 v2.0, \\$16](#) (2 available)



[Azden SMX-10 Stereo Microphone - \\$20](#)

Contact Neil Howard. nhowardtx1@gmail.com if you are interested in any of these surplus equipment items.

CPFUMC Ministries Brochure has been prepared. Hardcopy is available on the desk in the Narthex. For our weekly email publications *Happenings*, please send input to Stephanie Talley at office@cpfumc.org